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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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FROM: Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Conversation with Mike Glennon, Senate Foreign
Relations Committee staff, on Procedures

1. Mike Glennon called with a suggestion on how to avoid wrangles such as occurred last Friday during his previous visit. He wondered if the following procedure might be adopted for future transcription sessions: Glennon and Ritch would ask a question. The Agency, through [REDACTED] or DDO [REDACTED] would decline to answer and would state our reasons for not wishing to respond. If Glennon and Ritch considered our reasons to be satisfactory, they would not press the question. In any event, the question would not be answered at that time. In the transcript of the meeting, the record would be left open where the Agency had declined to respond and where its reasons for not doing so would be set forth. If the Subcommittee wished an answer to the question for the record, Senator George McGovern (D., S. Dak.) would seek an answer to the question in writing from the Director. Upon review of the transcript and on receipt of Senator McGovern's letter, the Director would be empowered either to answer the question or decline in writing to do so, setting forth again the reasons therefor. The Director would sign the answer to Senator McGovern.

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2. I told Glennon I would discuss this procedure with you and with the chain of command in the Agency and be prepared to give him an answer on Wednesday.

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